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JOHN JOHNSON.

FEBRUARY 12, 1841.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. CHITTENDEN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Johnson, report :

That, from a deposition of the applicant, it appears that he is one of the survivors of the soldiers who served under General Anthony Wayne, in his expedition against the Indians ; and that he served six months in what was called the " pack-horse service ;" that he got a written discharge from said service, but has lost it. He deposes further, that he served six months, exclusive of the time allowed for returning home, in Captain Morris's company of the first regiment of Kentucky volunteers, in the late war with Great Britain ; and for this last service he exhibits a written discharge in the regular form. He states that he is seventy-two years of age, and very feeble ; and has lost his eyesight to such a degree as to render him unable to labor ; that he has a large wen on his hip, which he verily believes was caused by exposure while in said service, as it commenced growing at that time, and has been growing ever since, until it has disabled him from labor ; that he is poor, and unable to maintain himself, and believes his country justly owes him a pension.

The applicant himself does not assign his exposure while in the army as the cause of his loss of sight. He has not stated any particular exposure to which he has been subjected while in the United States service ; and even if he had, the committee could not come to the conclusion, with himself, that it was the probable cause of the wen upon his hip, there being no other testimony, except his discharge, which is silent as to any disease or bodily infirmity afflicting him at the time it was given. They therefore report against his claim.